

Data Collection Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab F

Agenda item IV: Review of proposed Data Collection AP Charge

Timeline Status: Discussion and input

Council input and next steps: Advisory panels (APs) comprise members of various stakeholder groups which provide broad fishing industry insight and recommendations to the Council. The data collection AP members will be assigned from 2019-2021. The Committee should review and provide input on the proposed data collection committee AP charge.

Agenda item V: Commercial Fishing Unique Trip Identifiers

Timeline Status: Information and discussion

Council input and next steps: Unique trip identifiers have been requested by stakeholders to improve the timeliness and quality of commercial fishery data. However, implementation of a unique trip identifier is challenging given the number of partners with established data collection programs. The Committee will receive a presentation from GSMFC staff outlining their approaches to identifying and cross referencing vessels possessing both Coast Guard and state registration numbers. After the presentation, the Committee can discuss and provide feedback for improved collection of data necessary for developing commercial fishing unique trip identifiers.

Agenda item VI: SEFHIER Implementation Update and Outreach Meeting Schedule

Timeline Status: Information and discussion

Council input and next steps: Electronic reporting for federally permitted for-hire vessels is scheduled for implementation in the fall of 2019. A series of informational for For-Hire Reporting Workshops, conducted in early 2019 through out the Gulf of Mexico, revealed a number of stakeholder concerns about the implementation including concerns regarding the collection of economic information. SERO staff will provide a presentation addressing stakeholder concerns, provide a comprehensive list of required specific data elements, list the approved electronic devices for logging positional data, and give examples of potential uses and benefits of required data elements for use in either future stock assessments or management purposes. After the presentation, the committee can discuss the implementation plan and provide input to NMFS regarding the implementation plan.
